(a) whether his Ministry have decided not to take delivery of more Airbus A-320 aircraft; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Extension of runway at Cuddapah Air port in Andhra Pradesh

10. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made with regard to the extension of runway at Cuddapah Airport in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what are the reasons for discontinuing Vayudoot service to this airport?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The National Airports Authority has no plan to extend the existing runway at Cuddapah airport.

(b) Due to shortage of aircraft, Vayudoot service to Cuddapah has been suspended.

Setting up of new industries in Andhra Pradesh

11. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any specific plan to set up new industries in Andhra Pradesh especially in its backward and 'No Industry' districts in the near future; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Industrialisation of particular districts in a State is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, in order to promote industrialisation and reduce regional imbalances, the Central Government offers a number of incentives such as priority in the grant of industrial licences, concessional finance, etc. to entrepreneurs setting up units in centrally declared backward areas. In the State of Andhra Pradesh 14 districts identified by the central government as industrially backward are eligible for the above incentives.

Central assistance to Andhra Pradesh for development of bio-gas

12. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central assistance to Andhra Pradesh for the development of bio-gas during the last three years; and

(b) what are the details of the steps taken in Andhra Pradesh to popularise bio-gas during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) During the last three years, a total sum of Rs. 4.69 crores has been released to Non-Conventional Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Ltd. for implementation of National Project on Bio-gas Development.

(b) A target of setting up of 8000 family type bio-gas plants has been fixed for the State of Andhra Pradesh for 1990-91. With a view to popularising bio-gas plants in the State, special steps taken are construction of bio-gas plants on turn-key basis with two years warrantee; organisation of one-day Users Training Courses in the operation and maintenance of bio-gas plants, particularly women; training